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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-9 are presented for examination.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-6, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kataoka et al.

With respect to claim 1, Kataoka et al. teaches the claimed a screen for displaying a plurality of graphics, at figure 1; scrolling means for changing the location of said graphics under the control of a control means, characterized in that the graphics are disposed in a main-level matrix block and in that, by means of only one command, one of these graphics may be selected, at figure 1 and at the abstract.

Claim 2 further requires the plurality of graphics comprise at least one graphic of a first type representing various options of the apparatus. Kataoka et al. teaches this at figure

1, item A.

Claim 3 further requires the plurality of graphics comprises at least one graphic of a second type representing graphics disposed in a secondary-level block. Kataoka et al. teaches this at figure 1, items D, E and F.

Claim 4 further requires the graphics of the first type comprise areas corresponding to a parameter value. Kataoka et al. teaches this at figure 1 items A0-A8.

Claim 5 further requires the block is shown in perspective on a first plane whilst the graphics of the first type are shown in another plane. Kataoka et al. teaches this at figure 1 item C plane.

Claim 6 further requires the block is shown in perspective on a first plane whilst the graphics of the second type are disposed in a block parallel to the first plane. Kataoka et al. teaches this at figure 1 with the graphics of the first type in plane A and the graphics of the second type in plane E which is parallel to plane A.

Claim 8 further requires a text area concerning the graphics displayed on the screen is provided. Kataoka et al. teaches this at figure 1 items D-F and at column 5 lines 52-54.

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Claim 9 further requires arranging graphics in a main-level matrix block, allocating a control key for selecting one of said graphics amongst more than two, activating a graphics area for activated graphics of a first type, deployment of a block of graphics for an activated graphic of a second type. Kataoka et al. teaches this at figure 1 and at column 5 lines 15-59.

4. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: With respect to claim 7, the prior art of record does not fairly teach the claimed graphics of the first type are in the form of a stack of slices forming a column of slices whose appearance changes according to the value which is given to the parameters which they represent.


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Almis R. Jankus whose telephone number is 571-272-7643. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached on 571-272-7664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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